

Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., January 26, 1834, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.

Washington, January 26, 1834.

My son, I am anxiously awaiting your letter which is to give me the information of the shipment of our cotton and amount made that I may be able to form the probable deficiency of amount of the first payment of the land purchased from Mr. Hill, that I may prepare as well as I can to meet it. I have been casually conversing with Major Donelson on the subject of the exchange with him, but I suppose he will decline it, and it may be as advantageous to you both, not to make the exchange, as the tract bought of Capt Mosely when added to that bought of Mr. Hill, will make it valuable.

I recd. day before yesterday sarahs affectionate letter of the 5th instant. I was rejoiced that she was happy having her dear sister and little ones with her and that Thomas and Emma and son, had got home in good health. Thomas must have had a disagreeable journey. How I was delighted to receive from Mr. Key a discription of the sprightliness of our dear little Rachel, and sarahs account that she had twelve teeth. providence I trust will preserve you all and bless you with health and happiness.

I learn that Mr. Stockly Donelson keeps the Stockholder at his farm the ensuing season. as the spring is approaching I will barely say to you that our own Citizen has more of that blood than the Stockholder, and being youn[g] and vigorous, the other old and blind, I wish you to breed from the Citizen. The Stockholder filly and sarahs, I would put to breeding this spring—being as you are without a keeper, this will be the most profitable mode. It will

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be as much as we can do to get the three stud colts trained well, and in the mean time we would be loosing two colts yearly from the fillies. The three two year old stud colts ought to be broke this spring, gentled, and next fall trained. I wish certainly the oscar filly, citizen, and the virgi[ni]an by Bolivar, trained—if the oscar fillys colt by citizen makes a good runner then the Citizen will become profitable to us. I wish all our mares put to him in the spring—rest assured he will be a better brood horse than his sire. When at liesure I would be pleased to have a description of the injury apparent to the citizen colt if it is perceptable and whether the colt halts in his trot—and the real size of the 3-two year old, with your opinion of the action of each.

You see I am the theme of daily abuse by Clay, Calhoun and Co. but you may rest assured of one thing that the deposits will not be restored, and the days of the Bank, that great mammoth of corruption, is numbered—it dies on the 3rd of march 1836, and no phenix will arise out of its ashes. Kiss sarah and the little pet for me, present me kindly to Mr. and Mrs. Wetheral and the little children, to Thomas and Emma and all inquiring friends, in which we all join, and Mr. and Mrs. Blair.

believe me your affectionate father